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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 24, 2006 OFFICE  
ACTION AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted to address the Examiner's rejections in the February 24, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 24, 2006 Office Action was originally due May 24, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$225.00), and a check which includes this amount is enclosed. With a two-month extension of time, a response to the February 24, 2006 Office Action is now due July 24, 2006. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.